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WEEKLY REPORT

ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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Weekly Report is published by the Arizona State Retirement System. During the Legislative Session, we provide a summary of legislation that pertains to the ASRS. Since the Legislature has adjourned, we will report on news and information related to the Retirement System. This report will be sent via email every other week until the Legislature begins a new session. We hope you find this report useful. If there are issues you'd like addressed, please let us know! Send an email to: davidc@asrs.state.az.us

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ASRS News:

- In an effort to reach out to members across the state, the Arizona State Retirement System Board will conduct its next monthly meeting in Flagstaff, and is inviting employees, employers and retirees to attend to learn more about the benefits provided by the retirement system. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19, at 9:30 a.m., at the Flagstaff Little America Hotel & Conference Center, 2515 E. Butler Ave.

The meeting will feature updates on various ASRS programs and benefits, including the Deferred Retirement Option Plan and Supplemental Retirement Savings Plan; the state of ASRS contribution rates and anticipated direction of future rates; the ASRS investment strategy, including asset allocation changes and potential real estate investments; the development of Board Rules that will affect the distribution of gains or losses to System Members' accounts and benefits, and the Rural Health Insurance Supplement Benefit Payment.

Make Plans to Attend!
Your Board would like to hear from you!

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- Our Member Services Division offers a series of **Group Meetings and Seminars** designed for members thinking about retirement within the next year to five years. Group Meetings are designed for those planning to retire within a year, while Seminars are designed for those thinking about retiring within the next five years. Valuable planning information is provided at both. Please be sure to let your employees know that if they're contemplating retirement, these meetings are available! A complete list is posted on the Calendar section of our website.
 - Our Employer Relations Division is wrapping up its schedule of annual **Employer Conferences** this month. Member employers still have time to attend one of the sessions, where new legislation is explained and a host of other topics pertinent to employers is addressed. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the ASRS and your role for your employees.

For questions, or to RSVP, please call us at (602) 308-5107, or (800) 621-3778, ext. 5107. See schedule below.

Employer Conference Schedule

Seats still available!

- Sept. 8 – Flagstaff, Coconino County Board of Supervisors Room, 219 E. Cherry Rd.
- Sept. 9 – Holbrook, Northland Pioneer College, Painted Desert Campus, 993 E. Hermosa Dr.
- Sept. 10 – Show Low, City of Show Low, Council Chambers, 200 W. Cooley.
- Sept. 15 – Phoenix, ASRS Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.
- Sept. 16 – Phoenix, ASRS Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.
- Sept. 18 – Tucson, ASRS Tucson Office, 7660 E. Broadway Blvd. Suite 101.
- Sept. 23 – Sierra Vista, City of Sierra Vista City Council Chambers, 1100 N. Coronado Dr.
- Sept. 24 – Safford, Graham County Board of Supervisors Room, 921 Thatcher Blvd.
- Sept. 25 – Globe, Gila County Board of Supervisors, 1400 E. Ash St.

- End Employer 2003 Conference Schedule -

Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings

- Sept. 12, 1 p.m. – Board Committee on Rules – ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.
- Sept. 12, 2:30 p.m. – Board Committee on Health Insurance & Long Term Disability – ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.
- Sept. 12, 2:45 p.m. – Board Committee on Budget – ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.
- Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m. – ASRS Board – Little America Hotel & Conference Center, Flagstaff.
- Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m. – Board Committee on Investments – ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.
- Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m. – ASRS Board – ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.

* All Board & Committee meetings are open to the public and your attendance is encouraged. Schedules, agendas and minutes of our meetings are posted on our website and are available at our Phoenix and Tucson offices.

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